

62nd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

RESOLVED, By the Senate of the 62nd Legislature, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Texas Legislature pay tribute to the more than 30 years of valiant service that Major General William J. Sutton has given to the United States Army Reserve in the finest traditions of American citizenship; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That on the occasion of his retirement as the first Chief of the United States Army Reserve, the Texas Legislature join other citizens across the Lone Star State in commending General Sutton for his notable and patriotic service and in welcoming this illustrious citizen-soldier back to Texas from Washington, D. C.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for Major General William J. Sutton, in token of the great respect of all Texans for his many years of dedication to his country and for his distinguished leadership.

Adopted by the Senate on April 13, 1971; adopted by the House on April 14, 1971.

Filed with the Secretary of State, April 20, 1971.

CORRECTION—HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

S. C. R. No. 78

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1458 has been passed by the Senate and is now in the House, and there are certain corrections to be made therein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the House is hereby respectfully requested to return House Bill No. 1458 to the Senate for further consideration.

Adopted by the Senate on April 14, 1971; adopted by the House on April 14, 1971.

Filed with the Secretary of State, April 20, 1971.

REQUEST TO GOVERNOR TO DECLARE DROUGHT A PUBLIC CALAMITY—ASSISTANCE—COMMITTEE

S. C. R. No. 79

WHEREAS, The future of the livestock industry in the State of Texas is seriously threatened by the current drought; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature may, under the provisions of Article III, Section 51, of the Texas Constitution, make grants of aid in cases of public calamity; and

WHEREAS, The Governor may, under the Texas Civil Protection Act of 1951, declare the existence of a disaster and great public calamity and provide for the organization and coordination of a program for disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, It is within the powers of the State Commissioner of Agriculture, as interpreted by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, to administer a program of disaster relief to agricultural and kindred industries; and

WHEREAS, During the severe drought of 1953, the Governor issued an emergency proclamation pursuant to the Civil Protection Act and called on all State agencies to exercise their authority in lending services and facilities toward alleviating the disaster conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 62nd Legislature of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, request the Governor of the State of Texas to declare that the present drought constitutes a grave public calamity; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Commissioner of Agriculture shall assist farmers and ranchers in areas of Texas affected by the drought, by administering a program of purchasing and distributing hay; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a special legislative committee be created to cooperate with the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture in formulating the program of purchase and distribution; to serve as liaison between State agencies, the Executive Department, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Federal Office of Emergency Preparedness; and to consider funding of the program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of seven Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and seven Members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in view of the gravity of the situation, the committee shall be appointed as soon as possible, that it shall begin to function immediately after the appointment of its members, and that it shall meet with the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture as soon as possible in order to arrive at a plan for carrying out the purposes of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall make its complete report, including findings and recommendations, to the 62nd Legislature before the adjournment of this Regular Session, and that five copies of the report shall be filed in the Legislative Reference Library and five copies filed in the office of the Texas Legislative Council. Following official distribution of the committee report, all remaining copies shall be deposited with the Legislative Reference Librarian.

Adopted by the Senate on April 15, 1971; adopted by the House on April 15, 1971.

Filed with the Secretary of State, April 27, 1971.

ADDRESS TO LEGISLATURE—CONGRESSMAN WILBUR D. MILLS

S. C. R. No. 80

WHEREAS, The Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, distinguished Congressman from Arkansas, is the present Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, as well as serving on the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and the Joint Committee of Reduction on Non-essential Federal Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Texas Legislature to invite this outstanding American to address a Joint Session of the Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that Wilbur D. Mills be and he is hereby invited to address a Joint Session of the Texas Legislature at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 30, 1971.

Adopted by the Senate on April 19, 1971; adopted by the House on April 21, 1971.

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